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For: GEL COMPOSITION AND ITS )  
USE IN COSMETIC )  
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1. **JP 9-143031** - A Japanese Patent Office computer generated translation of the disclosure of this document and an English-language Abstract are submitted herewith.

2. **JP 11-130631** - A Japanese Patent Office computer generated translation of the disclosure of this document and an English-language Abstract are submitted herewith.

Each of the documents listed above was received from the Japanese Examiner during an interview conducted during prosecution of a corresponding Japanese patent application. Another document handed to Applicants at that interview, JP 11-21227, has already been made of record in this case.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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